

## NICOSIA

### Looking for Trouble

The situation in Cyprus is far more serious than the American press indicates. For weeks Greece has been shipping in not only fully trained soldiers and small arms but armored cars, rocket launchers, field guns and mortars. The ships anchor off Limassol, unload at night and truck the arms off. The UN representatives are prevented by armed guards from inspecting either the port area or the truck convoys. The Greeks now have at least 25,000

# Abroad

well armed men at the ready, and Makarios has boasted, "Cyprus has become an impregnable fortress." Turkey has also sent in some arms and men, but has not been in a position to match the Greek operation. However, Turkish warships are patrolling the nearby waters, and numbers of destroyers and submarines have lately passed through the Dardanelles from the Black Sea to join the main Turkish fleet now in the Aegean. Large Turkish forces are concentrated near Iskenderun on the Anatolian coast, opposite northern Cyprus. The only function the UN force has served so far is to have obscured what is happening.

## GENEVA

### Where Fiscal Flowers Bloom

The shores of Lake Geneva are beautiful enough to have attracted poets, philosophers and travelers for many centuries, but it is their fiscal rather than their natural beauties that have magnetized, in our day, a large and growing concentration of the world's most successful artists, writers and musicians. Switzerland's gold-equivalent currency, utterly discreet banks and benign tax dispensation prove an irresistible attraction to these vedettes, whose work, under modern conditions, has long been internationalized. Among the residents in Geneva itself or elsewhere along the lake shores in Vevey, Lausanne, Montreux and neighboring villages are currently to be found (with their country of origin in parenthesis): orchestra conductors Igor Markevitch (Russia), Josef Krips (Austria), Karl Schuricht (Prussia) and Paul Klecki (Poland); actors Charlie Chaplin and James Mason (Great Britain), William Holden (USA), Peter Ustinov (Great Britain), and Yul Brynner (Siberia); painter Oskar Kokoschka (Austria); violinist Joseph Szigeti (Hungary); pianist Nikita Magaloff (Russia); cellist Pierre Fournier (France); writers Noel Coward (Great Britain), Georges Simenon (Belgium) and Paul Morand (France).

## ASHINGTON, ENGLAND

### Beware the Weed

A well-read local citizen, Joseph Reilly, noting the U.S. Government proposals to compel cigarette manufacturers to publicize the dangerous nature of their products, recalled a passage from Herbert Heaton's *Economic History of Europe*, dealing with the days, several centuries ago, when the use of tobacco first began to spread widely in

Europe: "Governments tried to stop or restrain the use of tobacco. The Pope threatened to excommunicate those who took snuff in church. France decreed that purchasers must have a physician's prescription and buy the medicine only at apothecaries' stores. The Czar ordered that first offenders be whipped, second offenders be executed, and snuff-takers have their noses cut off. Turkey decreed the death penalty. All such repressions failed to achieve their purpose, and Governments became less hostile when they discovered that smoking addicts were willing to pay high taxes."



Marlan El-Dia

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"Will you come up and give us a hand?"

## RANGOON

### Socialism in Our Time

Under the military dictatorship now flourishing in U Thant's homeland, socialization is sweeping ruthlessly forward. The first major step, taken nearly two years ago, was expropriation of all banks and the entire export-import trade: followed, naturally enough, by a drying up of investment and continuing economic depression. Most of the Europeans and Chinese who ran the banks and trading enterprises were compelled to get out of the country, leaving their fading assets behind them. This year was the turn of the shops and stores. These were owned mostly by Indians, who have been going back to India at the rate of 2,000 a week for the past six months. At first they were allowed to take with them nothing at all. Lately the decrees have been magnanimously softened: a family may now take approximately \$50. Again naturally, nearly everything, including food, has disappeared from the now government-run shops, while inflation and the black market move in.

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